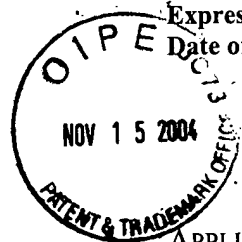


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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Examiner's May 17, 2004 Office Action finally rejecting the pending claims in the above-identified application. More specifically Applicants hereby appeal the rejection of all currently pending claims, i.e., claims 1-36,40, 41, 43-49, 52-90, 94, 95, 97-103 and 106-111. A check in the amount of \$660.00 (No. 19609) for filing this appeal required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b), and a three-month extension of time is enclosed herewith. Applicants have filed concurrently a petition for a three-month extension of time. With the extension, the Notice of Appeal is due on or before November 17, 2004.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 24200-002 CON. A duplicate copy of this Notice is enclosed.

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